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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : 18/D
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Mike FARWICK et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

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FOR: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES WHICH CODE FOR THE RODA PROTEIN

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Since it appears that the Examiner is not aware of which claims are *actually* still pending in the above-identified application, Applicants reproduce hereinbelow all of the *pending* claims for the Examiner's reference.

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

--1. An isolated polynucleotide which encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said protein has the activity of the RodA cell division protein.

3. A vector comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1.